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In re Application of: :
Karl P. Ronn, et al. : Confirmation No. 4769
Serial No. 09/735,258 : Art Unit: 3765
Case Filed: 12/12/2000 : Examiner: Chapman Jeanette E.
Case No.: 8362
For: Display System for Identifying :
Disposable Absorbent Article
Configurations for Wearers

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2002 subjecting pending claims 1-36 to restriction and setting a one month period for response. According to the Examiner, Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions is required.

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to an array of disposable garment configurations, classified in class 604, subclass 385.1.

Group II: Claims 9-24, drawn to a merchandise display system, classified in class 40, subclass unknown.

Group III: Claims 25-33, drawn to a device for identifying an absorbent article, classified in class 40, subclass unknown.

Group IV: Claims 34-36, drawn to a method of marketing disposable absorbent articles to consumers, classified in class 40, subclass unknown.

The Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-8, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement on the basis that the requisite serious burden on the Examiner set forth in MPEP §803 does not appear to exist. All of the groups relate to the same general subject matter, an array of disposable absorbent articles. Particularly, Groups II, III and IV relate to an array of disposable absorbent articles and all of the claims in these groups are in the same class, class 40.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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